

ISAC Meeting – December 2011

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

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TOPIC: DHS Customs and Border Protection – Activities and Authorities Related to Commerce and the Inspection Process for International Mail and Express Courier Services

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1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM:

Customs and Border Protection will provide an overview presentation regarding International Mail and Express Consignment inspections with special emphasis towards invasive and exotic species. This presentation will cover all aspects of both the International Mail and Express Courier import processes. Some of the topics that will be covered are: Entry process, targeting, inspection techniques (X-ray, K-9), legal authorities, challenges, and recent discoveries

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?

The issue is of particular importance to ISAC as the CBP's activities and authorities related to mail and express delivery services are a critical part of the chain in addressing the introduction of invasive species through those pathways. Additionally, the information will be relevant to both the broader issue of commerce and invasive species, as well as the specific issue of e-commerce. In the context of the NISC Management Plan, the topic addresses objectives P.1 on preventing intentional introductions, P.2 on preventing unintentional introductions associated with high risk pathways and potentially P.3 on standards and guidelines related to prevention.

3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:

The presentation would assist the work of the ISAC prevention subcommittee in identifying the broader context of federal agency regulatory authorities related to e-commerce.

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:

The E-commerce session is intended as an information gathering exercise to inform the development of a white paper and/or recommendations to NISC which will be forthcoming.

5. ALTERNATIVES:

Discussions will continue with Matt Farmer (DHS/CBP) to confirm the speaker.

6. ATTACHMENTS: